



Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy  
Floor Statement  
In Recognition of Rollins College  
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Mr. Speaker,

In a nationwide competition, Rollins College achieved one of the highest student voter turnout rates in the 2016 presidential election.

I want to recognize the hard-working students and faculty at the Rollins Democracy Project for this accomplishment, which reflects the school's commitment to preparing the next generation of engaged citizens and global leaders.

As Justice Brandeis once observed, the only title in our democracy superior to that of President is the title of citizen.

Our democracy withers when our citizens are disengaged from and cynical about the political process.

However, it is strongest when our citizens are engaged and informed.

Our democracy works best when our citizens use their voice—and their vote—to hold elected leaders accountable.

And it thrives when our citizens understand that, while the right to vote is sacred, it is only powerful if it is exercised.

That is why what this school accomplished is so important, and why I am so proud to represent Rollins College in Congress.

Thank you and I yield back.